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NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 29th November 1956

S.R.O. 2876.—The following proclamation by the President is published for general information:

PROCLAMATION !

"Whereas the coastal communities of India have from time immemorial been engaged in fishing activities in the high seas adjacent to its territorial waters;

And whereas certain areas of these high seas provide fisheries which contribute to the food and means of livelihood of large sections of the population and, consequently, India has a special interest in maintaining the productivity of the living resources in all such areas;

Now, therefore, I, Rajendra Prasad, President of India, do hereby proclaim and declare in the seventh year of the Republic as follows:

The Government of India may from time to time:

- (i) establish, in accordance with laws enacted for the purpose, conservation zones in areas of the high seas adjacent to the territorial waters of India, but within a distance of one hundred nautical miles from the outer limits of those waters;
- (ii) take conservation measures in the zones so established in order to protect fisheries and other living resources of the sea from indiscriminate exploitation, depletion or destruction; and
- (iii) subject to the provisions of any international agreement or convention to which India, is, or may hereafter become, a party, regulate all fishing activities in the said areas of the high seas in order to enforce the laws and regulations that may be issued from time to time for the purposes aforesaid."

RAJENDRA PRASAD,
President of India.

By order etc.,
C. S. JHA, Jt. Secy.

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